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Transportation Committee  
of the  
Southern California Association of Governments  
March 7, 2013

*Minutes*

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Transportation Committee (TC) held its meeting at SCAG's office in downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Chair Hon. Keith Millhouse, Ventura County. A quorum was present.

**Members Present:**

Hon. Mike Antonovich	Los Angeles County
Hon. Bruce Barrows, Cerritos	District 23
Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs	CVAG
Hon. Bob Botts	Banning
Hon. Art Brown	Buena Park
Hon. Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights	District 31
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. Jeff DeGrandpre	Eastvale
Hon. Mario Guerra, Downey	GCCOG
Hon. Frank Gurulé, Cudahy	District 27
Hon. Bert Hack, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Matthew Harper, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar	District 37
Hon. Bill Hodge, Calexico	ICTC
Hon. Jim Hyatt, Calimesa	District 3
Hon. Randon Lane	Murrieta
Hon. James C. Ledford	Palmdale
Hon. Michele Martinez, Santa Ana	District 16
Hon. Ryan McEachron, Victorville	SANBAG
Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita	District 67
Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra	District 34
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark ( <i>Chair</i> )	VCTC
Hon. Leroy Mills, Cypress	District 18
Hon. Jim Morton	Lynwood
Hon. Brett Murdock, Brea	District 22
Hon. Steven Neal, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Micheál O'Leary, Culver City	WCCOG
Hon. Linda Parks	Ventura County
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. Frank Quintero, Glendale	District 42
Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park	SGVCOG

Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula	District 5
Hon. David Spence, La Cañada-Flintridge	Arroyo Verdugo Cities
Hon. Karen Spiegel, Corona	WRCOG
Hon. Tim Spohn, City of Industry	SGVCOG
Hon. Don Voss, City of La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36
Hon. Alan Wapner, City of Ontario ( <i>Vice-Chair</i> )	SANBAG
Mr. Aziz Elattar	Caltrans District 7

### **Members Not Present:**

Hon. Steve Diels, Redondo Beach	SBCCOG
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Brian McDonald	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
Hon. Dan Medina, Gardena	District 28
Hon. Kris Murray	Anaheim
Hon. Shawn Nelson	Orange County
Hon. Gary Ovitt	San Bernardino County
Hon. Bernard C. Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Mark Rutherford, Westlake Village	LVMCOG
Hon. Damon Sandoval	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon. Jeff Stone	Riverside County
Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank	SFVCOG

### **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Hon. Keith Millhouse, Ventura County, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Hon. Alan Wapner, SANBAG, led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No members of the public requested to make a comment.

### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no request to prioritize agenda items.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **Approval Item**

#### **1. Minutes of the February 7, 2013 Meeting**

A MOTION was made (Hack) to approve the Consent Calendar. The MOTION was seconded (Gurulé) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Motion passed.

## **Receive and File**

2. Summary Report from Subcommittees
3. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Final Rule for Major Capital Investment Projects
4. Update to Strategic Plan of the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)

## **ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

5. Draft California State Rail Plan (CSRP) Update and SCAG Comment Letter

Emily Burstein, Caltrans Division of Rail, provided an update on the Draft California State Rail Plan and stated that the State Rail Plan is required under state and federal law and is needed to be eligible for federal funding. A series of outreach events with stakeholders, partner agencies, and members of the public were held during the development of the Plan. Ms. Burstein stated that the rail plan is more comprehensive than past plans, and seeks an integrated statewide rail system that blends high-speed, intercity, and commuter rail systems which would link with urban rail lines. Ms. Burstein further stated that the governance of state rail lines is also changing and noted the recent action to allow a Joint Powers Authority to manage the LOSSAN corridor.

Ms. Burstein stated that the Plan includes efforts to increase state-supported intercity rail and commuter lines. This includes supporting additional service to the Coachella Valley and coastal routes as well as proposed Ventura-Santa Barbara commuter service.

Committee members requested that the Plan identify more concrete next steps to implement passenger rail service in the Coachella Valley, along the Santa Paula Branch Line, and on the Ventura-Santa Barbara commuter rail corridor. Members also asked that the Antelope Valley Line study be highlighted, and indicated that the I-15 corridor should remain a viable alignment for Phase II of High Speed Rail as it proceeds through the environmental process.

Stephen Fox, SCAG Staff, reviewed staff's comments for the draft Rail Plan. These include implementing service in new markets; emphasizing regional connectivity; expediting the High-Speed Train Blended System; improving airport connectivity; addressing freight rail bottlenecks; and improving grade crossings.

A MOTION was made (Brown) to forward the proposed comments to Caltrans staff, including those received from the Transportation Committee. The MOTION was seconded (O'Leary) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Motion passed.

6. Sustainability Program Call For Proposals Ranking Criteria

Jacob Lieb, SCAG Staff, provided an update on the Sustainability Program's call for proposals ranking criteria. The program will proceed through a "call for proposals" to solicit project proposals for Active Transportation, Compass Blueprint, and the Green Region Initiative. It was further noted that the Active Transportation component will

provide funding to facilitate bicycle and pedestrian plans and programs, which is the reason that this item is being brought to the Transportation Committee, along with the other policy committees.

Hon. Linda Parks, Ventura County, requested that a criterion be added which promotes a shift from cars to active transportation. Mr. Lieb noted a criterion would be added.

A MOTION was made (Martinez) to approve the criteria ranking for active transportation. The MOTION was seconded (Spiegel) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Motion passed.

### **Subcommittee's Reports**

No verbal update was provided.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

No report was provided.

### **STAFF REPORT**

No report was provided.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no requests for future agenda items.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m. The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2013 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.

  
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Ryan Kuo, Senior Regional Planner  
Transportation Planning

# Transportation Committee Attendance Report

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		X = County Represented							X = Attended			= No Meeting		NM = New Member						
	Member (including Ex-Officio) Last Name, First Name	Representing	IC	LA	OC	RC	SB	VC	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	GA May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	Antonovich, Michael*	Los Angeles County		X					X		X									
2	Barrows, Bruce*	Cerritos		X					X		X									
3	Becerra, Glen*	Simi Valley		X						X	X									
4	Betts, Russell	CVAG				X			X	X	X									
5	Botts, Bob	Banning, RCTC							NM	X	X									
6	Brown, Art	Buena park							NM	X	X									
7	Carroll, Stan*	La Habra Heights			X				X	X	X									
8	Daniels, Gene*	Paramount		X					X	X	X									
9	DeGrandpre, Jeff	Eastvale							NM	X	X									
10	Diels, Steve	Redondo Beach		X					X											
11	Eaton, Paul*	Montclair		X																
12	Elattar, Aziz	Caltrans - District 7									X									
13	Guerra, Mario	Downey		X							X									
14	Gurul�, Frank*	Cudahy		X						X	X									
15	Hack, Bert	Laguna Woods			X				X	X	X									
16	Harper, Matthew*	Huntington Beach			X				X		X									
17	Herrera, Carol*	Diamond Bar		X					X	X	X									
18	Hodge, Bill	Clexico, ICTC	X							X	X									
19	Huizar, Jose*	Los Angeles		X																
20	Hyatt, Jim	Calimesa				X			X	X	X									
21	Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo			X				X	X										
22	Lane, Randon	Murrieta							NM	X	X									
23	Ledford, James C.	Palmdale/No. LA County		X							X									
24	Martinez, Michele*	Santa Ana			X				X	X	X									
25	McDonald, Brian	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe					X													
26	McEachron, Ryan	Victorville					X		X	X	X									
27	McLean, Marsha*	Santa Clarita		X					X	X	X									
28	Medina, Dan*	Gardena		X																
29	Messina, Barbara*	Alhambra		X					X	X	X									
30	Millhouse, Keith* (Chair)	Moorpark						X	X	X	X									
31	Mills, Leroy*	Cypress			X				X	X	X									
32	Morton, Jim	Lynwood								X	X									
33	Murdock, Brett	Brea			X				X	X	X									
34	Murray, Kris	Anaheim								NM										
35	Neal, Steven*	Long Beach		X					X		X									
36	Nelson, Shawn*	Orange County			X															
37	O'Connor, Pam*	Santa Monica		X					X	X	X									
38	O'Leary, Miche�l	Culver City/WCCOG		X					X	X	X									
39	Ovitt, Gary*	San Bernardino County					X		X	X										
40	Parks, Bernard*	Los Angeles		X																
41	Parks, Linda	Ventura County							NM	X	X									
42	Pettis, Gregory*	Cathedral City				X			X	X	X									
43	Quintero, Frank*	Glendale		X						X	X									
44	Real Sebastian, Teresa	Monterey Park/SGVCOG							X		X									
45	Roberts, Ron*	Temecula				X			X	X	X									
46	Rutherford, Mark	Westlake Village		X					X											
47	Sandoval, Damon	Morongo Band of Mission Indians				X														
48	Spence, David	Flintridge/Arroyo Verdugo Cities		X					X	X	X									
49	Spiegel, Karen	Corona/WRCOG				X			X	X	X									
50	Spohn, Tim	Industry/SGVCOG		X					X	X	X									
51	Stone, Jeff*	Riverside				X			X	X										
52	Talamantes, Jess	Burbank/SFVCOG		X						X										
53	Voss, Don*	La Ca�ada Flintridge		X					X	X	X									
54	Wapner, Alan* (Vice-Chair)	Ontario					X		X	X	X									
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* Regional Council Member																				